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Term 3 week 5

Newsletter



Principal's Report

We have reached the midpoint of the term, seeing a little more sunshine around and the days are not so dark when we get home. Classrooms are busy with the students engaging in many interesting activities and investigations.

We have been undertaking a **21st century learning project** focussing on self-regulation. This promotes

students to take more control over their learning and be more accountable for their own progress. Within these tasks students are reflecting and goal setting based on their own judgements, peer and teacher feedback. The teachers have carefully designed rubrics and criteria to enable the students to monitor and adjust their work and products. The parents who attended the open classrooms in the 3/4 area would have had an opportunity to see some of this work happening in the rooms. We have also received some really positive feedback regarding the **Learning @ PVPS** - open classroom program. Keep your eye out for notices for future open classroom sessions.

Student free -Curriculum Day is on next Wednesday the 23rd of August. The staff will be working on Student Wellbeing, Mathematics, Teaching and Learning.

Literacy/Numeracy Book Week are being combined at PVPS with a whole week of activities planned, culminating in a Book Character Parade –families welcome then Grandparents are invited to join the classrooms for book activities after the parade till 11am. Please see the details contained in this newsletter.

School Council Report

The August meeting of the school council was held on Wednesday night.

Outside of School Hours Care There was ratification of several Outside of School Hours Care policies and the school is also reviewing the 2018 Handbook in preparation for next year. For those families using the program these policies will be distributed shortly.

2018 Planning: With an estimated student population of 585 for 2018, the school will require an additional 2-4 classrooms for next year. We have had direction from the Department of Education to develop an enrolment policy to encourage closest school enrolments only. This is not a cap at this stage but it will be heading to that in

the future if enrolments continue to increase at the current rate. Please inform the school of any details regarding 2018 enrolments or departures as soon as possible.

SEEL: The SEEL Subcommittee will be working on updating the Code of Conduct, particularly the area of digital and cyber behaviours and responsibilities. Another area they are including is the issue around photography and filming of students.

Mathletics: The school council endorsed the introduction of the Mathletics program. We will be officially using it from 2018 but were able to get free access for the remainder of this year. Families will be receiving logins over the next few weeks. The cost of this program is about \$10 per child and will be part of the book list next year. If you have any questions about this see your classroom teacher.

Sustainability and Building and Grounds: We have several projects on the go and are appealing for parent helpers in the garden. We have already some on board from the prep area. There is a project planned to redevelop the pedestrian entry of Gaffney Street near the playground. We also are investigating solar panels for the school. The Community Hub/Multipurpose space inches its way forward to its beginning, with many of the finer details being worked out at the moment. Thank you to all the members of the school council and our subcommittees for their time and contribution; it is a vital part of the functioning of the school.

Calendar

August

- 7th - 27th Parent Opinion Survey open for selected families
- 23rd **Curriculum Day No students at school**
- 25th Literacy/Numeracy/Book Day & Grandparents morning
- 30th District Athletics

September

- 1st Father's Day Stall
- 1st Assembly 3pm
- 6th Foundation open morning 9am to 11am
- 6th- 8th Grade 5/6 camp
- 15th Grade 5/6 open morning
- 15th Bake Stall – grades 1/2 to bake
- 20th Royal Botanic Garden Excursion for grades 3/4
- 20th School Council 7pm
- 22nd Subway special lunch day
- 22nd Last day for Term 3- 2.30 pm finish



Semester Reporting

In 2017 we are continuing to improve the quality of our school reports. Currently we are doing 2 semester reports (Mid-year/ End of year). While we feel that reporting to parents is very useful, we would like to improve our school reporting.

This semester we are working on making our reports more consistent with learning which is happening in the classroom by linking the reports to learning tasks. Each learning task will be sent straight to student reports that will give parents greater feedback on how students are performing with rich learning tasks. Learning tasks will be created in Literacy and Numeracy as well as in Specialist Subjects.

Book Club

Thanks to everyone who placed an order with Scholastic Book Club for Issue 5. The books are being sent home in the next few days. Together we raised over \$500 in Scholastic rewards to go towards resources for the school.

There is still one order from the last issue sitting in the office awaiting pick up. If you placed an order using a voucher and haven't received your order, please see Sharon or Mandy in the office.

Book Club Coordinator

Naplan

Naplan results for grades 3 and 5 will be sent home with the students today.

School Flag

Our flag is looking very tattered and old. It would be greatly appreciated if someone could collect a new one for the school from Peter Khalil's office at 3 Munro St Coburg – 9350 5777. Please let the office know if you can assist with this. Many thanks.



Children's Book Week at Pascoe Vale Primary August 21st to 25th

In celebration of Children's Book Week, we will be having a book week parade on Friday 25th August and encouraging all students to dress up as their favourite book character or if you cannot dress up create a poster of your favourite book. We are also celebrating Grandparents Day. We invite all parents and Grandparents to watch the parade starting at 9.05am to 10am.

From 10-11am, grandparents are welcome to visit their grandchild's classroom to participate in an activity. ***As we are a growing school, we are asking that only grandparents come into the classroom during this time.***

Literacy Team

Learning in 1/20!

We have been learning about the procedural writing genre. Last week students learnt 'How to make a rain cloud in a jar'. In small groups we used shaving foam, blue food colouring and a cup of water to carry out the procedure. Following this, students wrote up wonderful procedural writing pieces.

"To write a procedure you need a title, materials and steps." By Dorian.

"Spray some shaving foam in the jar to make a cloud." By Archie

"Put a few drops of the food colouring in." By Samara

